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APPROVAL OF LARGE-SCALE UNDP ASSISTANCE TO A PROJECT OF THE GOVERNMENT OF NIGERIA

Project title and number:	Course Development for Telecommunications (NIR/77/004)
Executing Agency:	International Labour Organisation (ILO)
Government co-operating agency:	Training Division, Department of Posts and Telecommunications, Ministry of Communications
Date of approval:	June 1978
Estimated starting date for project operations:	July 1978
Duration:	Two years
Estimated value of the Government inputs expressed in US dollars:	$1 497 900 (In kind)
Estimated UNDP contribution:	$1 540 000
Source of UNDP financing:	Indicative Planning Figure (IPF)

I. Background

1. The Government recognizes the inadequacy of telecommunications facilities in Nigeria where the telephone density is 1.5 per 1000 of the population which is much lower than the estimated 1 telephone per 100 population in other developing countries of Africa, Asia and Latin America.

2. To install, maintain and operate an efficient telecommunication network, a well-trained staff of technicians, supervisors and engineers are required which is one of the scarcest resources in the Department of Posts and Telecommunications.

3. Substantial quantities of new equipment are being introduced into the country and training courses have to be developed for them. The systematic Course Development Procedures will make it possible for the introduction and implementation of task oriented and learner centred courses.

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II. The project

4. The development objectives of the project are to: (a) expand and modernize telecommunications facilities and ensure that existing installations function effeiciently; (b) minimize the waiting period for telephone installation to about a week, and (c) make it possible for a subscriber to make a trunk call to any part of Nigeria within 30 seconds.

5. The immediate objectives of the project are to: (a) develop modular courses for the various equipment courses using the Systematic Course Development Procedure through the organization of a Course Development Section in the Headquarters Training Organization; (b) develop and implement a sandwiched scheme of training for equipment courses with alternating periods of institutional and supervised field training; (c) develop a printing unit; (d) study and redevelop technician courses using modules of employable skills; and (e) establish a maintenance unit at Oshodi for laboratory equipment maintenance and calibration and develop instructor training and pedagogy.

6. UNDP will provide the services of 8 experts, subject matter consultants, training fellowships, equipment and support personnel. The Government will provide counterpart staff, accommodation and support services.

7. The expenditure components of the UNDP contribution are as follows:

	m/m	$
Experts and administrative support personnel	294	1 364 000
Training		31 000
Equipment		125 000
Miscellaneous		20 000
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